

To: Delaware State Senate

From: Developmental Disabilities Council

Date: June 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 408 Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights Notification and Forms

The Developmental Disabilities Council has reviewed H.B. No. 408 Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights Notification and Forms. We understand that this Bill would require mental health hospitals and residential centers covered by the Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights Act to report deaths and critical incidents to the state agency authorized to investigate such incidents.

The DD Council **strongly supports H.B. No. 408.** Should you have any questions regarding our comments please contact our office at 739-3333. Thank you.